

REMARKS

The Office action of November 7, 2008, has been carefully considered.

Claims 26-28 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Borneuf in view of Buchmuller. These claims have now been canceled, and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

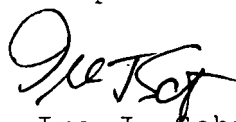
Claims 17-25 and 29-30 have been allowed.

The Office Action identifies claim 31 as being allowable, but dependent on a rejected base claim. Claim 31, however, depends from allowed claim 29. Hence, no amendment to claim 31 is seen to be necessary to make the claim allowable.

If the Examiner believes that further amendments to the claims are necessary to place this application in condition for allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss such amendments before taking further action.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of the application with amended claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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